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TAGS: EAIR, AS, NZ  
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AM MELBOURNE-AUCKLAND FARE

REF: (A) STATE 142054, (B) CANBERRA 4129 (NOTAL),  
(C) STATE 132615 (NOTAL)

1. REGARDING CHRONOLOGY OF PAN AM FARE FILING SET FORTH PARA ONE, REFTEL A, PAN AM MATERIAL IN EMBASSY FILES ALSO CITES MARCH 4 AS DATE OF FILING WITH GONZ. COPY OF PAN AM'S FILING TELEX TO GOA IS DATED MARCH 18, AS STATED REFTEL A, BUT THIS WAS A SATURDAY, SO TELEX WAS RECEIVED BY GOA ON MARCH 20 AND IS CITED AS A MARCH 20 TELEX IN GOA TURNDOWN OF MARCH 21.

2. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO CORRECT DEPARTMENT'S IMPRESSION THAT AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS "MADE ASSERTION THAT IT IS MERELY FOLLOWING GONZ LEAD..." AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S STATED POSITION HAS BEEN THAT FARE IS A BILATERAL AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND MATTER WHOSE RECONSIDERATION REQUIRES COMPLETION OF AUSTRALIAN AIR POLICY REVIEW IN ADDITION TO AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND CONSULTATIONS. STATEMENT REFTEL B THAT PAN AM "MADE NEW ZEALAND THE LEAD HORSE" IS EMBASSY JUDGEMENT, NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOA ASSERTION. EVEN THOUGH AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND TURNDOWN MAY BOTH HAVE BEEN FORMALLY COMMUNICATED MARCH 21, PAN AM DELAY OF TWO WEEKS IN APPLYING TO AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, BY WHICH TIME NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT HAD COMPLETED OR VIRTUALLY COMPLETED ITS REVIEW, SEEMS TO US TO MAKE THIS A REASONABLE JUDGEMENT.

3. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY IS RELUCTANT TO APPEAR TO BE PRESSURING  
AUSTRALIA TO UNILATERALLY REVERSE A DECISION WHICH  
APPEARS TO EMANATE FROM NEW ZEALAND AS MUCH AS FROM AUSTRALIA,  
AND WHICH AUSTRALIA HAS INDICATED THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL  
REVIEW IN DUE COURSE.

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